

**MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Paterson, Hawkins, Rosen, Schaefer, Stallard, Thorkelson

Absent: Holinko

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of February 11, 2002 as corrected. Under Approval of minutes .."copy of the letter Mr. Schaefer read (not wrote) from the Mansfield Historical Society". Under Opportunity for Public to Address the Council..."The sheep building as it is now is a disgrace and should be razed"(not raised)

So passed. Mr. Stallard abstained.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 2, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Proclamation in Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts

Mayor Paterson requested that the Girl Scouts who were present at the Council meeting come forward. She presented them with the framed Proclamation in celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts presented the Council members with a ribbon noting the celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Eagleville Fire Department Civilian Recognition Ceremony

The Eagleville Fire Department recognized five area residents who rendered first aid and assistance to victims of a recent traffic accident on Route 44 in Mansfield. The five residents were: Mike Curran of Woodstock, Joe Gagne of Ashford, Vickie Howlett of Mansfield, Scott Sheldon of Mansfield, Ted Wrubel of Mansfield.

Fire Chief Chip Jordon introduced Dept. Chief George Thompson III and Charles Cosgrove who presented framed certificates commending these individuals. Chief Jordan also commended firefighter Uri Lavett for his work on the scene.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Richard Pellegrine requested that the Town Council plan a suitable retirement celebration for Mr. William Kennedy who has been Social Services Director for 26 years. He encouraged the Council to work with the boards and commissions involving Social Services.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:50 p.m.

1. Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program-Wrights Village, Senior Housing Improvements

Mr. Larry Wagner, representing L. Wagner and Associates, Inc., discussed the proposed application to the State Department of Economic Community Development for funds under the Small Cities Program. The alarm system needs to be updated as well as the hot water heaters and improvements to the kitchens in the 40 units of the senior Housing Complex

Kate Forcier, Director of the Housing Authority urged Council to support this application.

At 7:55 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed.

I. BOARD/COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

No one present.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Space Acquisition-Olsen Property

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, that Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager of the Town of Mansfield, be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Mansfield, a Grant Agreement under the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire and manage open space land pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Be it further known that Martin H. Berliner was appointed Town Manager and that his term of office began on May 5, 1979 and will continue at the will of the Town Council. As the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Mansfield and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

I. NEW BUSINESS

5. Town of Mansfield Water Supply Study

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to set a public information meeting concerning the Town of Mansfield Water Supply Study for 8:00 p.m. at the Council's regular meeting on March 11, 2002. The Council will begin its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

6. Appointment of subregistrar

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to appoint John Fortin, Jr. of the Tolland Memorial Funeral Home to serve as a subregistrar for the Town of Mansfield, for a term to run concurrent with the term of the existing Town Clerk

So passed unanimously.

7. CCM Amicus Curiae-Spears v. Garcia

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to authorize the Town Manager to express the Town's interest in participating in the mutual financing of CCM's amicus curiae intervention in the case of Spears v. Garcia.

Motion so passed. Mr. Bellm voted against.

8. Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company Grant Application to Office of Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$10,128.40 to the State Office of Emergency Medical Services for the purchase of equipment for the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company, and to receive grant funds for that purpose.

Motion so passed.

9. Eagleville Volunteer Fire Department Grant Application to Office of Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$9,117.60 to the State Office of Emergency Medical Services for the purchase of equipment for the Eagleville Volunteer Fire Department, and to receive grant funds for that purpose.

So passed unanimously.

9a. Farwell Barn Renovation Project-Small Cities Funding

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to table, until next meeting, the Small Cities Grant application specifically for the Farwell Barn Renovation Project. The Town Council requested that the Town Manager request information from the University on project dates and other issues.

So passed unanimously.

9b. Retirement for Social Services Director

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee and that the Committee offer some form of recognition for years of service by employees.

So passed unanimously.

II. QUARTERLY REPORTS

No comments.

III. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were none.

IV. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson read a thank you note from Mrs. Dolly H.R. Whitham on the presentation of the resolution to her late husband George Whitham.

V. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Community Center Building Committee has met and on March 7 will open bids for the pool construction. Hopefully the project will be online and on budget so that the project may go forward.

Library Project is almost completed. The back wall is being redone.

Downtown Partnership will be meeting on Feb. 26, 2002. At 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. An Executive Director has been chosen.

VI. FUTURE AGENDAS

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. CCM Update re: Governor's FY 2002-2003 State Budget Proposal

11. "Governor Submits Mid-term Budget Adjustments: Impact on Major Grants to Municipalities"

12. CCM re: President Bush's FY 2003 Budget Proposal

13. SGT Darcy re: Aztec Tanning
14. SGT Darcy re: Grant for Speed Enforcement Equipment
15. L. Hultgren re: Hunting Lodge Road Flooding
16. L. Hultgren re; WRTD Mansfield/UConn Fare Free Program
17. A. Barberet re: Proposed Poultry Isolation Building
18. J. Damon re: Council Chambers Sound System
19. VNA re: FY 2001/02 Second Quarter Statistics
20. J. Newmeyer re: Farwell Barn Restoration Project
21. J. Gerdson re: Robert's Rules of Order
22. CT Foundation for Open Government re; Freedom of Information Conference
23. "Mansfield Joins with University to Build Something Akin to a Town Center"

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager at 8:55 P.M. for purposes of Open Space Acquisition.

So passed unanimously

At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to come out of Executive Session

So passed unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk